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NAZI ATTACK ON ITALIAN SHIP

London, To-day.

The Admiralty and Air Ministry announced yesterday afternoon: A number of attacks were made by enemy aircraft on British and neutral merchant and fishing vessels in the North Sea yesterday.

During the morning bombing attacks were made on the small motor vessel Serenity and the fishing trawlers New Choice, Benclair and Craigie Lea. The Serenity and New Choice were sunk.

The enemy also attacked the Craigie Lea with machinegun fire, two of the crew of the latter being wounded.

On the approach of British aircraft the enemy made off before contact could be established.

A boat containing ten men from the New Choice was later sighted by aircraft of the Coastal Command which directed a drifter to the spot. The crews of both ships were rescued.

DRIVEN OFF BY R.A.F.

Further attacks were made during the afternoon on the motor vessel Tuscan Star, the trawlers Dervish, Sheldon, Arnold Bennett and Drouot, and the Italian vessel Valentino Coda.

A number of bombs were dropped and the second wireless operator of the Tuscan Star was killed by a fragment of a bomb which burst very close to the ship.

The enemy also attacked this ship with machineguns without causing any casualties.

R.A.F. aircraft engaged the enemy

MOST EVENTFUL PATROL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH SUBMARINE SALMON, WHICH RECENTLY SANK A U-BOAT, SIGHTED THE BREMEN AND TORPEDOED AT LEAST ONE GERMAN CRUISER, HAD AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION ON HER RETURN TO PORT.

As she entered harbour sirens sounded on every ship present—among them two destroyers, of the Polish Navy which are at present co-operating with the Royal Navy.

The patrol from which the submarine returned is spoken of in naval circles as the most eventful which has fallen to any submarine either in this war or the last.—British Wireless.

U.S. LINERS FOR EUROPE

New York, To-day.

The United States Maritime Commission has authorised the United States Line to operate the liners Manhattan and Washington between New York and Naples and Genoa.

On the westbound journey, the vessels will be allowed to put in Monaco, but only for the purpose of picking up passengers.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE POLITICIANS IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

High Japanese officials and prominent members of the puppet "Reformed Government," it is understood, were interviewed by three Japanese leaders of the Seiyukai Party—Fusanosuke Kuhara, Kenkichi Yoshizawa and Kiroku Oruchi—following the Japanese politicians' arrival from Hsinking last Friday.

According to a Chinese report, the question of obtaining peace in China was discussed.

Kuhara is said to have declared that "the sacrifices of the present Incident must not be allowed to continue—they will not only be harmful to China but also to Japan."

The Japanese party leaders left this morning for Tientsin.—Reuter.

MR. HULL AND NAVAL BATTLE

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, told the press yesterday that a joint protest by the American nations may be presented in a few days to Britain and Germany against the violation of the safety zone in Wednesday's naval battle.

Mr. Hull said suggestions had been forwarded from various states, and he hoped unanimous approval to harmonise their views would be reached within a few days on the best method of preventing a repetition of the engagement.—Reuter.

PREMIER GUEST OF M. DALADIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who is at present in France on a visit to the British Front lines, was M. Daladier's guest of honour at a dinner last night.

All members of the French Cabinet, the British Ambassador and many officials attended.—Havas.

Miss Stephens, of No. 127, Wongnei-chung Road has reported that an unknown Chinese snatched her handbag with money and a cheque to the value of \$12.

LUXEMBURG DISQUIET

Brussels, To-day.

New measures which have been taken in Luxembourg are having a somewhat disquieting effect on the populace, according to reports received in Belgium.

The police are now guarding all public places and the main street intersections, for undisclosed reasons.

Late Sunday night, the Government had a long meeting, but the subject of the conference was not disclosed.—Reuter.

21 NATIONS PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, To-day.

M. Cantilo, the Argentinian Foreign Minister, said that the Argentine is releasing to-day a joint note from the 21 American republics protesting at the violation of the Panama Conference's "neutral zone".

It is believed that the note also contains definite provisions to prevent a repetition of similar incidents.—Havas.

SOVIET WAR GAMES

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Moscow, To-day.

Important naval manoeuvres recently took place in the Black Sea, the principal theme being a struggle against submarines.—Havas.

RACETRACK TRAGEDY

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Santiago de Chile, To-day.

Five were killed when a racing car driving at high speed in a trophy race yesterday overturned and crashed into the public grandstand.—Havas.

SAYS MOSCOW

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Reports of disorders which broke out in Moscow are entirely unfounded, it is stated here.—Havas.

Money and Jewellery to the value of \$252 was reported to have been stolen from No. 115, Connaught Road Central, between Friday last and 9 a.m. yesterday.

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British Submarine's Successes In North Sea

TWO NAZI SHIPS TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

THE FULL STORY OF THE exploit of the British submarine which allowed the Bremen to escape and later carried out a successful attack on units of the German navy, is given in an Admiralty statement issued last evening.

It states that the commander of the submarine ordered the Bremen to stop and was preparing to fire a warning shot when enemy aircraft forced the submarine to dive.

Despite the fact that German aircraft were known to be near, the submarine surfaced again and signalled the Bremen: "Stop instantly."

NAVAL UNITS ATTACKED

The Bremen took no notice. The submarine commander was making ready to fire a shot across the Bremen's bows when he was compelled to submerge.

Twenty-four hours later the submarine saw a pocket-battleship, two battle-cruisers and three accompanying cruisers.

The submarine commander decided to attempt to disable more than one ship.

LEIPZIG HIT

The first torpedo struck the cruiser Leipzig, and two more torpedoes are believed to have struck another heavy cruiser.

Three more torpedoes passed between the enemy ships.

The submarine, after being hunted for two hours, returned to the spot after dark and found an area of nearly four square miles thickly coated with oil.

The Admiralty comment says: "It seems that at least one heavy cruiser in addition to Leipzig was badly damaged, and at least one of the ships might well have failed to reach port."

HOPING FOR FLEET ACTION

Dealing with the attack on the German warships the statement says the submarine fired six torpedoes on slightly different courses.

It would have been an easy matter for her to have fired all her torpedoes at one cruiser and thus made certain of sinking one ship, but she fired them at different angles, hoping thereby to disable more than one ship and thus do more towards provoking a fleet action, for which the Royal Navy is ever hoping.—Reuter.

IMPOSSIBLE TO MISS

Further details given by the Admiralty show that when the submarine came to periscope depth to investigate she found the Bremen steaming past fairly fast, but it was at once obvious that the liner would pass well within torpedo range.

In fact it would have been impossible for the captain of the submarine to have missed such a great target had he decided to fire at it,

NOT IN THE GERMAN TRADITION

New York, To-day.

Commenting on the sinking of the Graf Spee, Major Fielding-Elliott, the noted American military commentator, says that a forlorn hope has time and again produced magnificent results—but forlorn hopes are not in the German tradition.

Although the Graf Spee will sail no more, he says, Argentine beef and wheat will continue to travel to ports in Britain.—Reuter.

but the captain had strict orders from the Admiralty that the war at sea was to be conducted in strict accordance with international law.

LAMP SIGNAL

The British submarine therefore set about carrying out the procedure required of it under international law. Surfacing, it made a signal by daylight signalling lamp "Stop immediately."

When the Bremen took no notice, the submarine commander at once gave orders for his gun to be loaded in order that a shot could be fired across the bows of the Bremen. Not until this had been done could the British submarine legally take offensive action.

Even then responsibility for making provision for the safety of the Bremen's crew would have devolved upon the submarine—a matter of impossibility under the circumstances.

THE TRUE STORY

The warning shot was never fired—German aircraft appeared overhead and forced the submarine to dive.

In spite of being forced to dive, the submarine could easily have fired six torpedoes into the Bremen as she dived, for she was already on an attacking course, but the dictates of international law could not be complied with so the Bremen was allowed to proceed on her way unharmed.

The Admiralty adds: "That is the true story of the sighting of the Bremen by a British submarine. It contrasts strongly with reports which have been circulated by the German radio and which are not substantiated by a single fact."

PLAYED INTO SUB'S HANDS

Rather less than 24 hours later the British submarine sighted two German battle-cruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and one pocket-battleship, with three cruisers in company.

Two of these cruisers were the new 8-inch gun ships, Hipper and Blucher. The other was recognized as the Leipzig.

At first it appeared that the British submarine would be unable to do more than report the fact that the enemy was at sea, for the enemy ships were steering so that they would pass a long way from the submarine.

Just as the commander was giving up all hope of being able to attack, the enemy cruisers altered course so as to pass within torpedo range of the submarine.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS

A few minutes later the sights of the unseen and unsuspected submarine came on. She fired six torpedoes on slightly different courses.

The first torpedo hit the Leipzig. There was a pause of only a minute, and then two other terrific explosions told that two other torpedoes had found their mark—almost certainly upon the second heavy cruiser, of the Blucher class.

The other three torpedoes obviously passed between the enemy ships.

The statement adds: That no Fleet action, resulting in the annihilation of the German fleet, resulted was the fault of bad visibility and not of the submarine.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON U-BOAT

London, To-day.

Events moved rapidly from the beginning. The submarine had not long been in her patrol area before she sighted a German U-Boat of the big ocean-going type steaming fast on the surface outward bound.

The British submarine manoeuvred quickly to attack. Torpedoes were fired and in a few minutes there came a shattering explosion.

Wreckage was thrown at least 200 feet into the air.

The British submarine made an unsuccessful search for survivors. Later, the Leipzig was recognised because of her one funnel and conspicuous aircraft crane.

The submarine could not wait to determine the exact result of the attack. She had to dive deep to elude her pursuers by steering a zigzag course at high speed at considerable depth.

TWO-HOUR HUNT

She was hunted and attacked with depth charges for two hours, and it was not until after dark that the British submarine returned to the scene.

There was so much oil on the sea and the fumes contaminated the air to such an extent that the submarine had to leave the vicinity and ventilate with clean air before being able to dive again.—British Wireless.

(The story of the sinking of a Kohn class cruiser by the submarine Uraula will be found in Page 5.)

LAST OF THE GRAF SPEE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

By Ed Reed. To-day.

Sixteen hours after she was scuttled, explosions were still going at random intervals from the Graf Spee yesterday.

At 8.50 Argentine time, her superstructure gave way. The conning tower burned through and fell with a crash into the water.—Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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SOVIET TROOPS MUTINY

London, To-day.

Reports of dissension, and even revolt, among the Soviet soldiers and civilians come from Stockholm via Esthonia.

On Sunday night, it was reported that the men of a Soviet battalion north of Lake Ladoga mutinied, shot their commissar, and went over to the Finns.

Yesterday, there were reports of disturbances among the civilian populations of Leningrad and Moscow. Extraordinary security measures were said to have been taken, more important institutions being guarded, private houses being raided by the police and radio receivers being seized.

It must be emphasized, however, that these reports are as yet unconfirmed.—Reuter.

CANADIAN TROOPS IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

A division of Canadian troops has been transported across the Atlantic escorted by the main battle fleet of the Royal Navy and is now in England.

This disclosure was made last night by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a broadcast.

The Canadian troops, he said, constitute the leading division of the Dominion forces which are to be brought to England.

They were strongly escorted across the ocean by our main battle fleet and disembarked safely and smoothly in one of our harbours for a period of intensive training before joining their comrades on the western front.—Reuter.

12 NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry communique released at 8.50 last evening states that a bomber formation of the R.A.F. reconnoitred the Heligoland Bight area with the object of attacking any enemy warships found at sea.

No warships were encountered at sea but the bombers met strong forces of enemy fighters.

Fierce fighting ensued, in which 12 Messerschmidts were shot down, while seven of our bombers are at present unaccounted for.—Reuter.

CANADIAN HELP FOR FINLAND

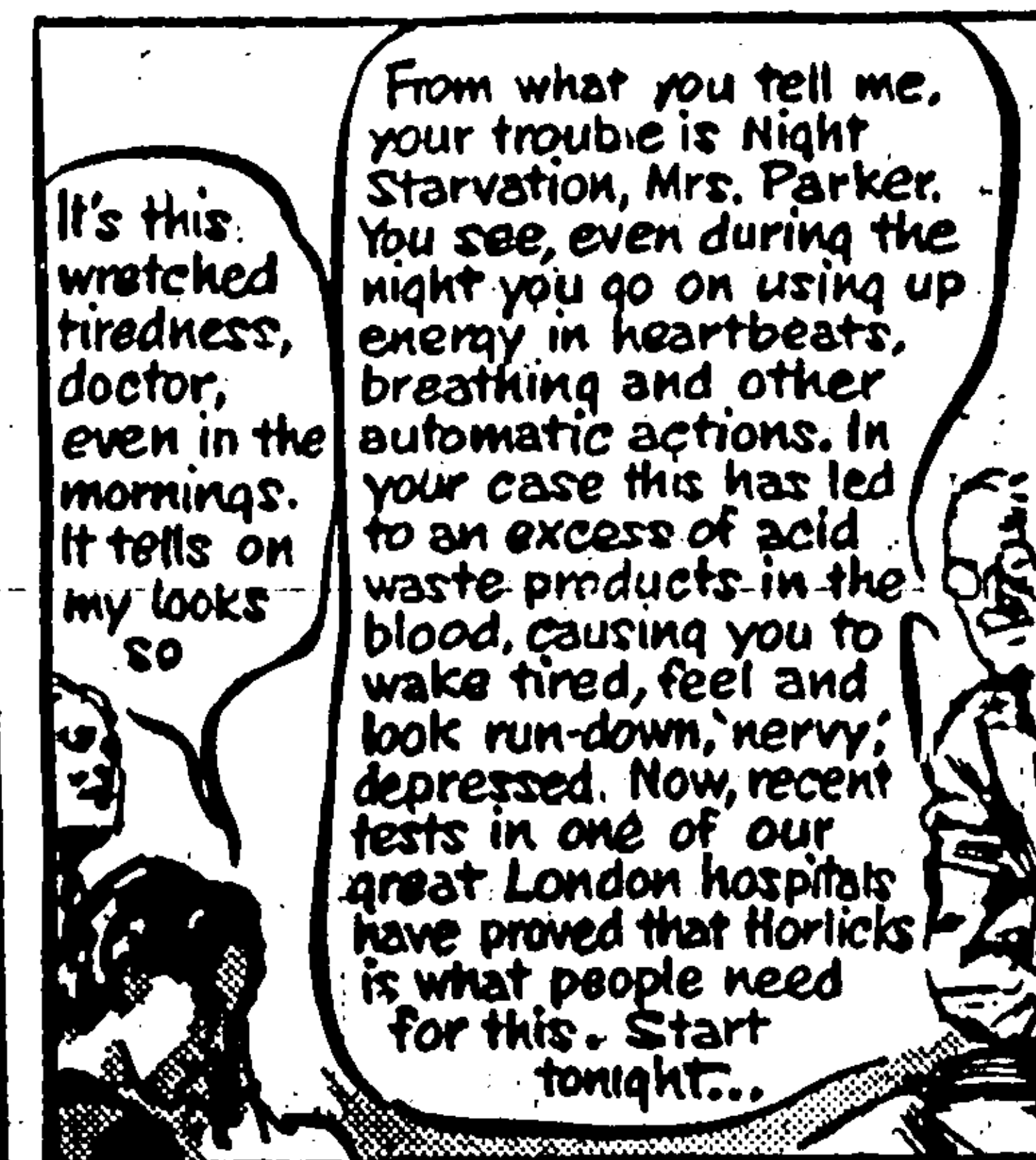
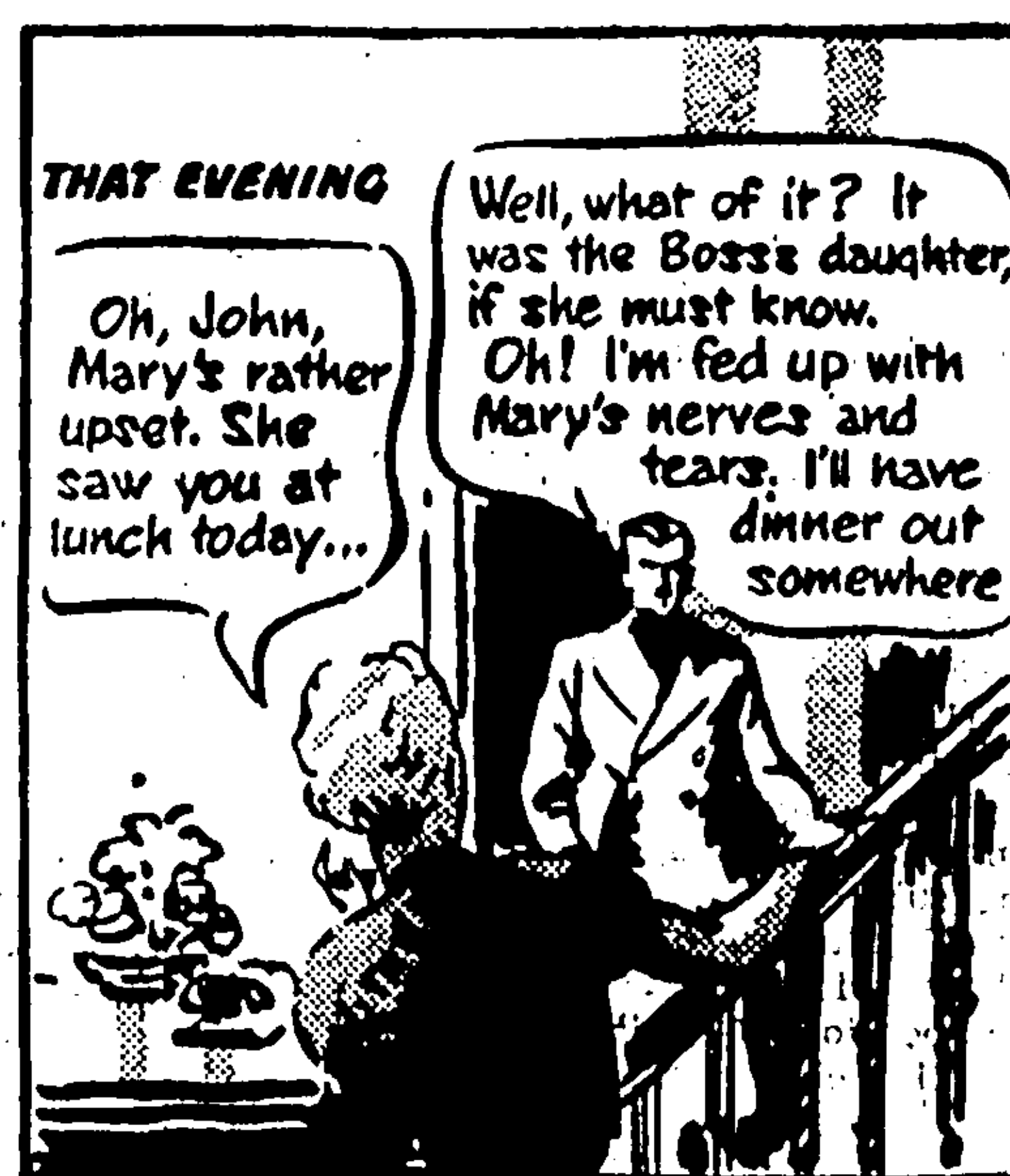
London, To-day.

The sum of \$8,000 has been presented from Canada to help the Finns, and since their greatest need is for ambulances, four are shortly being sent from Britain and will be the first to reach Finland from abroad. Of this sum the Canadian Red Cross has contributed \$5,000 and the rest has been sent by Finns in Canada.—British Wireless.

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BAN ON SHIPS' WIRELESS

London, To-day.
Foreign ships in territorial waters around the United Kingdom are now forbidden to use their wireless sets except when communicating with specific receiving stations in Britain.

Such communications must be carried on in English, French or the International Code.

Distress signals are, of course, exempt from this order.—Reuter.

JOINT AMERICAN PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SCUTTLING OF THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE HAS GREATLY RELIEVED AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, WHO HAVE BEEN FEARING ANOTHER NAVAL BATTLE WITHIN THE SAFETY ZONE DEFINED BY THE PANAMA CONFERENCE.

Meanwhile the violation of this zone in last Wednesday's naval battle is still being discussed, and will probably form the subject of diplomatic talks between all countries of the American Hemisphere, with a view to preventing the repetition of similar incidents.

Diplomatic circles point out that there is no question of sending naval units to enforce respect for the safety zone.

In Buenos Aires yesterday, the Argentinean delegate to the Panama Conference, a well-known legal expert, expressed the belief that the American Governments will lodge a joint protest against the violation of the zone.—Havas.

WOMAN SENTENCED

Found guilty of manslaughter, a 32-year-old Chinese woman, Chung Wan-ching, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

Chung was alleged to have pushed and kicked another woman down the stairs. The woman died in hospital two weeks later as a result of the injuries sustained.

Miss Olive Ma, of No. 11, Hillwood Road, has reported the loss of a wrist watch valued at \$100, somewhere between Star Ferry in Kowloon and Chater Road.

GRAF SPEE SINKING LEADS TO GERMAN DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE WITH URUGUAY

Montevideo, To-day.

A PROTEST HAS BEEN SENT to the Uruguayan Government by the Nazi Government, alleging that the Uruguayan Government failed to give the Graf Spee the necessary time to make her seaworthy, thus committing "a great breach of international law and usage."

The Nazi note takes the same line as a letter sent by Captain Landsdorp to the German Minister in Montevideo before he took his ship out and scuttled her in obedience to Hitler's orders.

In this letter, Captain Landsdorp said that although the fighting power of his ship was not diminished, she was not seaworthy as her kitchens and bakeries were damaged and he could not put to sea with a crew of 1,000 when she was in that condition.

The captain's note alleges that the Uruguayan Government, by refusing to extend the Graf Spee's time limit, had failed to live up to the Hague Convention. The captain also admits having fired at a British warship while in Uruguayan territorial waters.

GERMAN CAPTAIN ARRESTED

Captain Landsdorp and his officers are now reported to be on their way to Buenos Aires in two tugs to which they transferred just before the Graf Spee blew up. One report says that they hoped to be treated by the Argentine Government as survivors of a wreck and thus escape internment.

The captain of the German steamer Tacoma, which followed the Graf Spee out, has been arrested for having taken his ship out of harbour without permission.

CREW INTERNED

The Uruguayan authorities are now investigating the way in which the Graf Spee was sunk. They have questioned the Chief Engineer and three members of the crew who were among the last to leave the ship. All members of the Graf Spee's crew on board the Tacoma are to be interned.

There is considerable resentment at the Graf Spee's choice of final anchorage—right in the middle of the main fairway, in only 25 feet of water, where she may become a danger to shipping.—Reuter.

The Director of Medical Services desires to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of 120 yards of cotton cloth for the interned Chinese soldiers from the Wing On Co. Ltd. per Mr. L. P. Kwok, Acting Manager.

NAZI PERFIDY AND HYPOCRISY

BOMBAY, TO-DAY.

"BERLIN BROADCASTS DAILY ARE TRYING TO MAKE OUT THE PRESENT RULERS OF GERMANY AS FRIENDS OF INDIA," SAYS THE "BOMBAY CHRONICLE."

"It is in keeping with their tradition of perfidy and hypocrisy that the Nazis, who only a few weeks ago, were slandering Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru as 'agents of world Jewry,' are now praising them for their stand on the war issue."

"They are sadly mistaken, of course, if they imagine that either by villification or flattery they can shake Nationalist India's firm anti-Nazi position."—Reuter.

IGNOMINIOUS DEPARTURE FROM NAVAL TRADITION

London, To-day.

The scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee constitutes an ignominious departure from the honourable tradition of all navies, exemplified by the famous fight of Sir Richard Grenville in the Revenge, which fought 53 ships single-handed in 1591;

Admiral Craddock, who faced almost certain destruction at the hands of a vastly superior German fleet at Coronel in 1914; and

The Spanish Republican destroyer "Jose Luis Diaz," which after undergoing repairs in Gibraltar in the civil war, came out and faced a powerful force of the Nationalist navy.

The scuttling indicates not only the lack of will to fight but the absence of confidence in final victory, when the vessel, if interned, would have been restored.—Reuter.

BABY SUB'S DARING ELBE EXPLOIT

London, To-day.

YESTERDAY MORNING, while the Germans were reading an 8-line announcement that the Graf Spee had been sunk, the British Admiralty was announcing that a 6,000-ton German cruiser had been torpedoed and sunk at the mouth of the Elbe by a British submarine.

The torpedoing was fraught with great danger, for the cruiser was screened by six destroyers and the submarine had to go through mine-fields into a fortified zone to sink her.

The cruiser was sunk at a spot between the harbour of Cuxhaven and the naval base at Brunsbuttel, where, it will be recalled, the R.A.F. bombed German warships on the second day of the war.

The British submarine was the Ursula, of only 540 tons. She was completed a year ago and cost £200,000.

£2,000,000 WARSHIP
The German cruiser was one of three vessels of the Koin class built nine years ago at a cost of almost £2,000,000 each.

The sinking occurred last Thursday, bringing German losses for the week to three cruisers and one submarine.—Reuter.

*** Prior to the outbreak of war, the Ursula, which was commissioned

on October 29, 1938, was attached to the 6th Submarine Flotilla.

BRIBERY CHARGE

Under suspicion of having accepted a \$15-bribe from the Mautching Internment Camp from a Chinese, Chulan Hussain, Indian constable B-60, who has been missing since 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, was taken into custody and detained at the Kowloon City police station last night.

He will be formally charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

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"HITLER SPEAKS" BY DR. HERMANN RAUSCHNING

HERE IS CHAPTER TWO of Dr. Hermann Rauschning's remarkable book, "Hitler Speaks," which every British citizen should read to know why he is at war to-day.

Whatever Hitler has written and his numerous speeches have been prepared for the masses. Here we find what Hitler really thinks.

II:—ONLY ONE RIVAL IN THE AIR

"In the air we shall of course be supreme," Hitler resumed, "The air offers many possibilities. We shall surpass all competitors.

"We have only one serious rival in this field: the English. The Slavs will never learn to fight in the air. It is a manly weapon, a Germanic art of battle.

"I shall build the largest air fleet in the world. We shall have the most daring pilots. Of course, we shall have a great army as well."

"Will you introduce universal conscription again?" he was asked.

"Not only that, but a universal conscription of labour to which Hindenburg's auxiliary conscription will seem a petty half-measure. We need armies, not only highly qualified special formations, but mass armies as well.

"But we shall not use them as in 1914. The place of artillery preparation for frontal attack by one infantry in trench warfare will in future be taken by revolutionary propaganda, to break down the enemy psychologically before the armies begin to function at all.

"The enemy people must be demoralised and ready to capitulate, driven into moral passivity, before military action can even be thought of."

He went on with growing enthusiasm: "How to achieve the moral break-down of the enemy before the war has started—that is the problem that interests me.

"Whoever has experienced war at the front will want to refrain from all avoidable bloodshed. Anything that helps preserve the precious German blood is good.

"We shall not shrink from the plotting of revolutions. Remember Sir Roger Casement and the Irish in the last war. We shall have friends who will help us in all the enemy countries. We shall know how to obtain such friends.

"Mental confusion, contradiction of feeling, indecisiveness, panic: these are our weapons. Do you know the doctrine of the coup d'état? Study it. Then you will know our task.

"I shall never start a war without the certainty that a demoralised enemy will succumb to the first stroke of a single gigantic attack." Hitler's eyes took on a fixed stare, and he began to shout.

"When the enemy is demoralised from within, when he stands on the brink of revolution, when social unrest threatens, that is the right moment.

"A single blow must destroy him. Aerial attacks, stupendous in their mass effect, surprise, terror, sabotage, assassination from within, the murder of leading men, overwhelming attacks on all weak points in the enemy's defence, sudden attacks, all in the same second, without regard for reserves or losses: that is the war of the future. A gigantic, all-destroying blow.

"I do not consider consequences; I think only of this one thing."

He paused as if to give us time to take in this terrific programme and some at least of its fearful implications. His next words were spoken with impressive calmness:

"I do not play at war. I shall not allow myself to be ordered about by 'Commanders-in-Chief.' I shall make war. I shall determine the correct moment for attack. There is only one most favourable moment. I shall await it—with iron determination. I shall

not miss it. I shall bend all my energies towards bringing it about. That is my mission.

"If I succeed in that then I have the right to send youth to its death. I shall have saved as many lives then as could be saved.

"Gentlemen, let us not play at being heroes, but let us destroy the enemy, Generals, in spite of the lessons of the war, want to behave like chivalrous knights. They think war should be waged like the tournaments of the Middle Ages. I have no use for knights. I need revolutions. I have made the doctrines of revolution the basis of my policy."

Hitler paused again. His next words came like a peroration:

"I shall shrink from nothing. No so-called international law, no agreements will prevent me from making use of any advantage that offers.

"The next war will be unbelievably bloody and grim. But the most inhuman war, one which makes no distinction between military and civilian combatants, will at the same time be the kindest, because it will be the shortest.

"And together with the fullest use of our arms, we shall grind down our enemy with a war of nerves. We shall provoke a revolution in France as certainly as we shall not have one in Germany.

"Take my word for it. The French will hail me as their deliverer. The little man of the middle class will acclaim us as the bearers of a just social order and eternal peace.

"None of these people any longer want war and greatness. But I want war. To me all means will be right. My motto is not 'Don't, whatever you do, annoy the enemy!' My motto is: 'Destroy him by all and any means.' I am the one who will wage the war."

THE MASSES WANT BRUTALITY

Shortly after the Reichstag fire, Hitler asked me for a report on the Danzig situation, for there were to be elections in Danzig as in the Reich, Gauleiter Forster accompanied me.

While waiting in the lobby of the Reich Chancellery we got into conversation with some of the Nazi celebrities who were also waiting there. Goering, Himmler, Frick and a number of Gauleiter from the western provinces were talking together.

Goering was giving details of the fire, the secret of which was still being carefully guarded.

He described how "his boys" had entered the Reichstag building by a subterranean passage from the President's Palace, and how they had only a few minutes at their disposal and were nearly discovered.

He regretted that the "whole shack" had not burned down. They had been so hurried that they could not "make a proper job of it." Goering, who had taken the leading part in the conversation, closed with the significant words:

"I have no conscience. My conscience is Adolf Hitler."

We were summoned into Hitler's presence. The conversation was a brief one.

Hitler began to discuss the Reichstag fire. He asked whether we had seen it yet, and we replied that we had not.

"Go and look at it," he said, "It is the beacon of a new era in the history of the world."

Then he began to speak of the treatment of Communists and Socialists.

"These people thought I would

WHY HE EATS NO MEAT

Hitler recognised no predecessors—with one exception: Richard Wagner. Did I know, Hitler once asked me, "that Wagner had attributed much of the decay of our civilisation to meat eating?"

"I don't touch meat," he explained, "largely because of what Wagner says on the subject, and says, I think, absolutely rightly. 'So much of the decay of our civilisation has its origin in the abdomen.'"

handle them with kid gloves, that I would be satisfied with speeches," he scoffed.

"We are not in a position to dally with humane feelings, nor can I undertake tedious investigations into any one's good will or innocence. We must shake off all sentimentality and be hard.

"Some day, when I order war, I shall not be in a position to hesitate because of the ten million young men I shall be sending to their death.

"There is only one legal right, the nation's right to live.

"I have no choice," he exclaimed, "I must do things that cannot be mea-

sured with the yard-stick of bourgeois squeamishness. This Reichstag fire gives me the opportunity to intervene. And I shall intervene."

He then explained further that he must shock the middle class in order to rouse their fear of the designs of the Communists and their dread of his own severity. "The world can only be ruled with fear."

Hitler dismissed us. His adjutant Bruckner had entered. Time was getting on.

(To Be Continued)

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HEYWOOD BROWN DEAD

New York, To-day.

Mr. Heywood Brown, the well-known newspaper commentator and president of the American Newspaper Guild, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, at the age of 51.

Mr. Brown was taken to hospital a few days ago suffering from pneumonia. His condition fluctuated over the week-end and took a turn for the worse early yesterday morning. —Reuter.



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GRAF SPEE VICTIMS SCUTTLED BY THEIR CAPTAINS

London, To-day.

AT LEAST TWO BRITISH ships scuttled themselves when the Graf Spee tried to capture them, it was learned yesterday when fuller details of the raider's career became available.

On October 7, the Graf Spee's first victim, the 5,000-ton s.s. Clement, was encountered. As the German ship opened fire on the Clement, her captain ordered the destruction of the ship's wireless, engines and stores; the sea-cocks were opened and the crew took to their boats.

Later, they were placed on board a Greek steamer, the master of which was threatened with sinking when he refused to take them on board without payment!

Other ships, including the Ashley and the Huntsman, were sunk by bombs during October when the Graf Spee crept up on them unawares by flying the French flag. Her "bag" for October was five ships.

November was a poor month, for it was not until November 15 that she came across another merchant-ship, the 900-ton tanker Africa Shell, which was sunk in Portuguese territorial waters.

STRADDLED TRADE ROUTES

The Graf Spee's captain told the master of the tanker that for the past two weeks he had been straddling the Australia-Cape shipping route, but without sighting any British ships.

The Graf Spee, followed by her supply ship, on which most of the British crews were being kept, continued to cruise around, but it was not until December 2 that she sighted another ship. This was the 10,700-ton Doric Star, which sent out an "SOS" and then opened the sea-cocks.

SUNK FROM THE AIR

A boarding party arrived to find the ship sinking under them, whereupon the Graf Spee shelled and torpedoed her.

A few days later, she saw the Talroa, which tried to get away and did not stop until the life-boats, steering and officers' quarters had been shot away. She, too, was sunk by bombs from the Graf Spee's aeroplane.

The Graf Spee then returned to her supply ship and transferred to her all crews on board, with the exception of officers.

BAG OF NINE

Finally, on December 7, she sank, by bombs, the Streonshah, her last victim.

In two and a half months, she accounted for nine ships, totalling 48,000 tons, which is less than half the damage done by the Emden, which was only one-third the Graf Spee's size, in the last war.—Reuter.

BITTER WEATHER AT THE FRONT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

BITTER WINTER WEATHER PREVAILS ON THE WESTERN FRONT, WITH LOW TEMPERATURES, SNOW AND STRONG WINDS.

Military activity yesterday was less than on the previous day, except in a fairly large area between the Saar and the Vosges, where numerous patrols have been constantly patrolling.

The Germans made another raid in this area but were driven off by French fire, and the raid's result was completely negative.—Reuter.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué says that towards midday a sharp engagement occurred in the Vosges between one of our reconnoitring parties and German units. We made some prisoners, including officers.—Reuter.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA BANNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, To-day.
The Radio Control Commission of Argentina has banned the municipal radio station broadcasts of news bulletins supplied by Trans-Ocean, the Nazi news agency.

Reason is Trans-Ocean's tendentious information on the European war.—Havas.

MISSING BRITISH ENVOY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REGARDING THE REPORT THAT MR. GORDON VEREKER, BRITISH MINISTER-DESIGNATE AT LA PAZ, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS FROM A NEUTRAL SHIP IN THE BALTIC, NOTHING IS YET KNOWN IN OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN LONDON OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

It cannot be confirmed that Mr. Vereker is in Germany, though it is a fact that he was in a neutral ship on the way from Tallinn to Stockholm which was intercepted by a German warship.

If Mr. Vereker has been detained despite diplomatic privilege, the United States Government, which has taken charge of British interests in Germany, will be asked to take up the matter and procure his release.

Mr. Vereker was coming home from Moscow to prepare to take up his appointment in Bolivia.—British Wireless.

AJAX CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

An Admiralty announcement regarding casualties sustained in last Wednesday's action by H.M.S. Ajax confirms that seven were killed.

The announcement gives the names of two other members of the crew seriously injured, and adds that eleven other men received minor injuries only and all are progressing satisfactorily.—British Wireless.

CHIEF INSPECTOR INJURED

Chief Inspector (Kowloon) Hourihan was injured on Saturday night while directing police traffic control at the disastrous fire in Shek Kip Village, Cheungshawan. He fell into a hole and injured his leg, and it was learned this morning that he will probably have to remain in hospital for several days.

District Inspector A. Wright has taken over his duties in the interim.

SOVIET TROOPS VIOLATE NORWEGIAN TERRITORY

Oslo, To-day.

REPORTS FROM HELSINKI confirm that in northern Finland the Finns are retreating southward towards Pitajärvi, burning everything behind them.

Many Finnish soldiers who had been cut off from their respective units by the Russians have crossed the Norwegian border, where the Norwegian authorities interned them.

The Norwegian General Staff deny reports that the Red Army has violated Norwegian territory.

In Moscow, the Soviet claims to have advanced as such as 75 kilometres south of Petsamo.

In the Ukhta region, it is claimed, the Red Army has occupied Kursu.

In other sectors actively has been reduced.—Reuter.

SOVIET SUCCESS

London, To-day.

A fierce battle raged all Sunday night on the Norwegian-Finnish frontier south of Kuopijärvi and is still progressing.

Soviet troops have now occupied a great expanse of Finnish territory along the Norwegian frontier, although they sustained heavy losses.

These losses are not likely to have a serious effect upon their ability to retain the new positions, owing to the large forces at their disposal.

700 WIPED OUT

They have been steadily pressing southward since Friday.

Fifty Finnish soldiers crossed the Norwegian frontier at the week-end. They stated that Finnish detachments have taken heavy toll of the enemy.

At one point, they claimed, no less than 700 Russians were taken completely by surprise and were wiped out with small field-guns and machine-guns.—Reuter.

HEAVY SNOW

Helsinki, To-day.

Heavy snow is now falling on all fronts in Finland, tremendously helping the Finns in their battle against Soviet aggression. On the northern and central fronts, the temperature is well below freezing point.

Finnish circles in Helsinki expect dramatic developments in the northern front before long.

It is reported that in one Finnish withdrawal in the northern area, a Finnish machine-gun company remained hidden in the town from which the main body had withdrawn.

The first Russian company to enter the town was machine-gunned and killed to the last man.—Reuter.

30 TANKS DESTROYED

London, To-day.

The fighting in Finland would appear to be at its heaviest in the Karelian Isthmus, judging from reports coming in from all sources.

The Finns are believed to have gained ground in that area; they say that they have forced the Soviets back and have destroyed 30 tanks. This report may be partly confirmed by the

CONTROL BASE AT ADEN

Aden, To-day.

A new British contraband base has been established here to supplement those in the Mediterranean.

The base will also be used for the examination of cargo of German origin on outward bound ships.—Reuter.

fact that while the Soviet official communiques give details of operations on other fronts, they are suspiciously and totally silent about the Karelian Isthmus.

NEW DEFENCES

Although the Mannerheim Line is many miles deep, the Finns are still erecting new defences miles behind.

North of Lake Ladoga the Finns also seem to be doing well. Batteries have destroyed three armoured cars and Finnish aeroplanes have also been busy.—Reuter.

REDS ON NORWEGIAN TERRITORY

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

GENERAL WALLENIUS, THE FINNISH COMMANDER ON THE NORTHERN FRONT, INFORMED THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER "NYHETER" THAT HE WAS CONVINCED RUSSIAN TANKS ATTACKED BY WAY OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORY DURING THE SALMIJÄRVI OPERATIONS.

He stated that Finnish machine-guns stationed on the road bordering the front were suddenly attacked on the flank.

It was impossible that the Russian tanks could have avoided traversing Norwegian soil, since the road was constantly watched.—Reuter.

COUNT CIANO'S SPEECH WOULD DISTURB GERMANS

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS is extremely interested in Italian policy, following Saturday's speech by Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister.

The "Manchester Guardian" calls his speech one of the most important of the war. When the Soviet-Nazi pact was signed, says the paper, the Italian Foreign Minister was as surprised as the rest of Europe. Hitler gave Italy less notice than is customary and expected between partners.

The paper also stresses Count Ciano's reference to the fact that Italy and Germany had agreed that they must avoid war for some years in their own interests. That, says the "Manchester Guardian," would be disturbing reading for Germans, if the German people were ever allowed to read it.

NAZI SLOGAN

The paper also points out that in

March this year, Germany agreed not to do anything for some four or five years, during which time she could organize her military resources.

"The Times" praises Mussolini's efforts to preserve peace. Hitler replied with a refusal 18 days before the invasion of Poland. So much for the often reiterated Nazi slogan about the "patience of the Fuehrer!"

The "Manchester Guardian" also looks forward into the future. The last war, it points out, was followed by a great epidemic. What strength will the populations of Poland and Czechoslovakia have to resist disease—and what of the impoverished population of the Reich?—Reuter.

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GRAF SPEE BLUFFED: DISCLOSURE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

London, To-day.

IN A RADIO BROADCAST last night on the Graf Spee battle, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that despite her far heavier armament and commanding range she was driven to take refuge in a neutral harbour.

She then had the alternative of submitting to internment or going down in battle like the Rawalpindi, which would have been honourable for her.

She found a third alternative, emerging, not to fight, but to sink herself in the fairway of a neutral state from which she had received shelter and succour as prescribed by International Law.

She knew that the British heavy ships—H.M.S. Renown and Ark Royal—were still a thousand miles away, sailing at Rio. All that awaited her outside the harbour were two 6-inch gun cruisers, H.M.S. Ajax and Achilles, and the 8-inch gun H.M.S. Cumberland, which had arrived to replace the damaged Exeter.

Our losses had not been slight. H.M.S. Ajax had two out of four turrets knocked out, while the Exeter bore up against 40 to 50 hits, many from shells thrice the weight of those she could fire back.

NEARLY 100 KILLED

Three of her 8-inch guns were smashed and she sustained nearly a hundred casualties, by far the greater part of whom were killed.

Nevertheless, H.M.S. Exeter remained outside Montevideo, ready, although crippled, to participate in a fresh attack and only departed to care for her casualties when relieved by H.M.S. Cumberland.

"In the North Sea, British submarines had the best week I can remember, either of this war or the last.

"British submarines suffer from a serious disability in that they are not allowed to sink merchantships without providing for the safety of the crew and do not attack neutral vessels or humble fishing boats, and the German warships hardly ever venture out of port.

SALMON'S EXPLOIT

"The exploits of the submarine Salmon are praiseworthy in the highest degree. She abstained from torpedoing the Bremen when she was at her mercy.

"When she observed Nazi war vessels at one of their rare excursions, she hit two cruisers, which may have been able to limp home but were forced to abandon whatever enterprise they had.

"To-day, Ursula reports sinking a cruiser although she was surrounded by German destroyers.

WINSTON IRONY

"A considerable total of German cruiser strength has been put out of action in a single week.

"The Nazi navy and air force are venting their wrath by redoubling their efforts at sinking fishing smacks and drowning fishermen.

"Their air force yesterday and to-

day is trying to bomb unarmed merchantmen, including an Italian ship, and even in some cases machine-gunned sailors in boats—but their fury exceeded their accuracy.

"Only six small boats were sunk and the bulk were not even hit.

GUILTY REGIME

"These outrages are the tactics of a guilty regime which feels the strong arm of seapower laid upon its shoulder.

"Although German mines of all kinds are being scattered profusely, the whole vast movement of British traffic is proceeding uninterrupted."

TRIBUTE TO SIR D. POUND

Mr. Churchill then referred to the landing of the Canadians and continued that the present satisfactory position in the naval war is due to the care and conduct of operations by Sir Dudley Pound and the Naval Staff of the Admiralty, of which Rear-Admiral Phillips is Deputy Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Main Fleet, from the beginning of the war, maintained the strong watch required in the Atlantic and North Sea, keeping ships almost continuously at sea under the continued menace of U-boats, aircraft and mines.

"The Main Fleet has been more days at sea since war began than has ever been required in any equal period of modern naval war, but no leadership could be successful unless supported by the whole body of officers and men of the Navy.

"Upon these faithful and trusty servants the burden falls directly.

NOTE OF WARNING

"In particular, the flotillas of destroyers and submarines watching in the throat of the Elbe against submarine craft and mine-sweepers are undergoing a toll and strain which only those who know the details can understand.

"We have to go a long way back to find more brilliant and resolute fighting than the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, but if the call had come elsewhere, skill and courage of equal quality would be forthcoming.

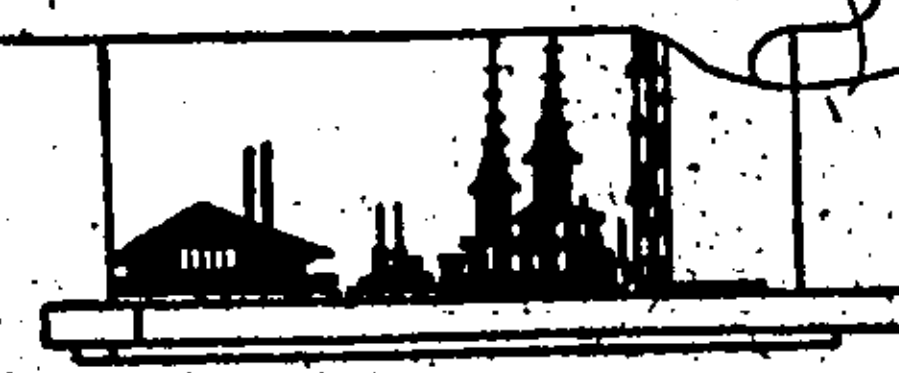
"Rough, violent times lie ahead, but everything that has happened hitherto should give the nation confidence that in the end the difficulties will be surmounted, the problems solved, the duty done."—Reuter.

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NOW-I WISH I HADN'T MADE THE DATE WITH ROSIE



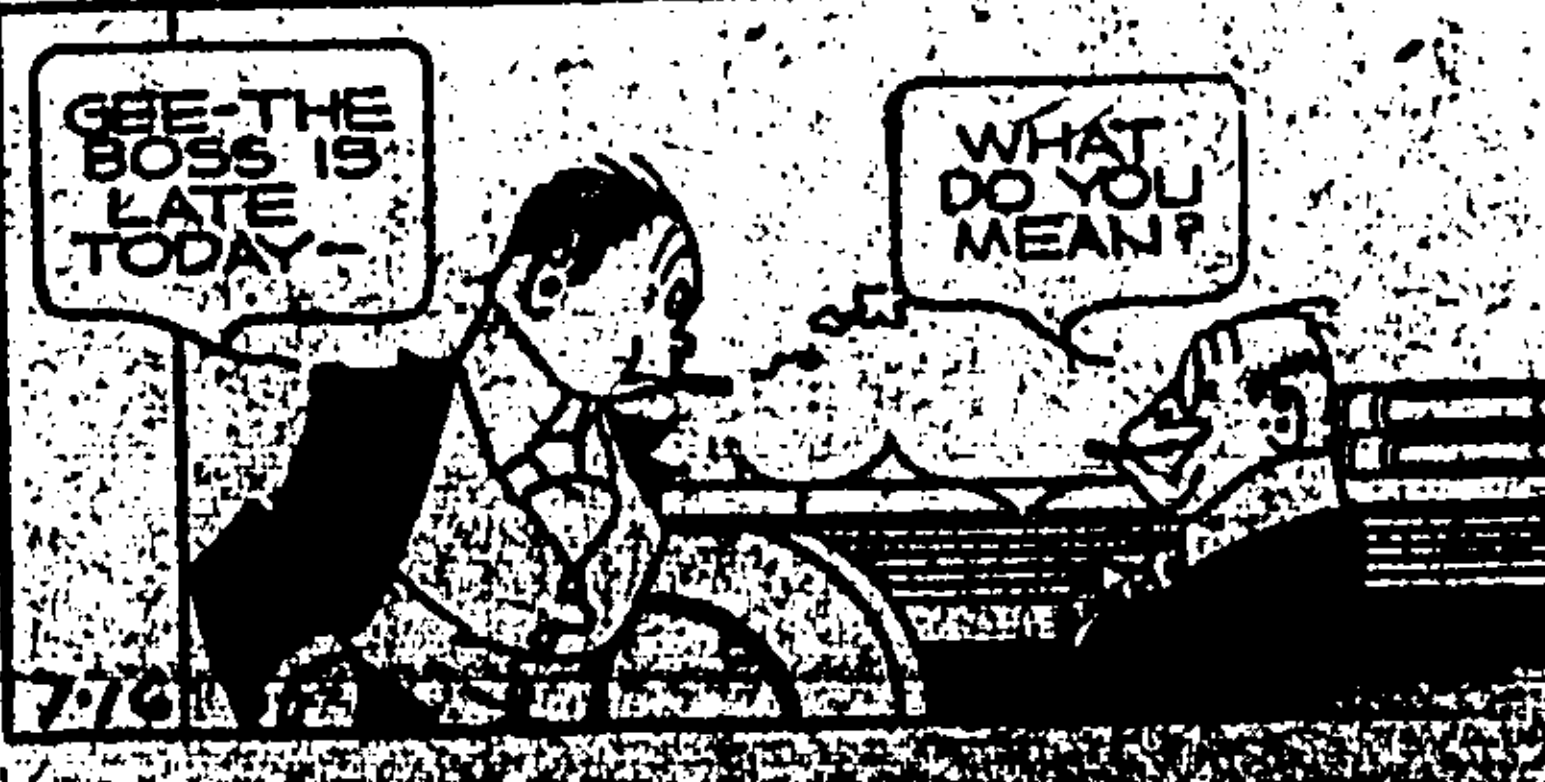
WELL-I AM NOT GOING TO WAIT ANY LONGER- ARCHIE SAID HE'D BE HERE AT TWO O'CLOCK - IT IS THREE THIRTY NOW -



GEE-WHIZ-I'LL BET ROSIE IS SORE-BUT WHAT CAN I DO IF I WENT OUT AN' TH' BOSS FOUND OUT? IT WOULD MEAN MY JOB -



GEE-THE BOSS IS LATE TODAY -



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HUH?

OH-YES-I FORGOT TO TELL YOU-HE WON'T BE IN TODAY AS HE IS OUT OF TOWN -



GRAF SPEE WAS BADLY DAMAGED INTERNALLY

London, To-day.

BY RUNNING TO SHELTER, the Graf Spee showed that she was more seriously damaged than appeared on the surface, said the Naval Observer of the BBC in a talk from Daventry last night.

She was probably badly damaged inside—something like a man who suffers an internal wound in an automobile accident and who dies a few days later after outwardly appearing to be recovering. One cannot say that this was the case for certain, but there seems to be no other logical reason for the scuttling of the pocket-battleship without even an attempt at putting up a fight.

The Prussian ideal has always been that an officer only surrendered to the enemy if outmanoeuvred and in

no position to damage the enemy without a fight for it.

WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

The pocket-battleship is a curious craft and in its way a marvellous piece of mechanism, the observer went on. She carries armaments, crew and provisions that should rightly be carried only by ships of twice her displacement.

But sacrifices must be made somewhere, and in the pocket-battleship weight is sacrificed. The inside of a normal warship is built to stand the stresses and strains not only of weather and armament but also being hit by shells. The Graf Spee had to sacrifice this.

Speaking of the feat of two 6-inch gun cruisers attacking the 11-inch gun pocket-battleship, the BBC observer pointed out that not only did they engage the Graf Spee but they defeated her. Far from being beaten off by the heavier guns, the two cruisers chased the Graf Spee for hours. That phase of the battle will go down in history.

It was a superb example of the use of tactics and superior speed. The British cruisers attacked the German ship from two separate directions, so that she had to disperse her fire and was unable to concentrate an entire broadside on any one of them.—Reuter.—

FORGED NOTE CHARGE

How a man obtained, by a trick, 99 tins of dye and attempted to make part payment with a forged \$500 banknote was described at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Chong Pak-chung, accused, was charged with uttering and possession of a \$500 forged banknote, and with obtaining by trick, 99 tins of red dye from Ma Chung-fung.

It was alleged that accused, with two other men met complainant to obtain the dye for an amount which was agreed previously.

The men told complainant that they had the money with them. Part of the goods were put into a taxi and complainant went to call a friend to examine the banknotes which he expected would be given in payment.

When he returned he found that the men had put all the dye into the taxi. Defendant called him aside and while they were talking the two men drove away with the dye. When asked for payment defendant took out a \$500 banknote which was found to be a forgery. The police were called and defendant arrested.

The case is proceeding this afternoon.

ALLEGATION AGAINST DOCTOR

A Chinese doctor, Chung Sing-sam, 55, of Shanghai Street, and a married woman, Wong Yuk-hing, 50, were remanded for one week by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning when they were charged with unlawfully administering a certain poison, given by them to a woman named Cheung Lai-yin, with intent to procure a miscarriage.

They were alleged to have administered the drug to the woman, who is at present in hospital, sometime between December 1 and December 17.

Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

HEROIN CASE SENTENCE

Found guilty of possession of 39,150 heroin pills and 647 ounces of pink mass, sufficient for making 64,750 pills, a Chinese woman, Ma Lai, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The three men who were charged with the woman were yesterday sentenced to two and half years' imprisonment.

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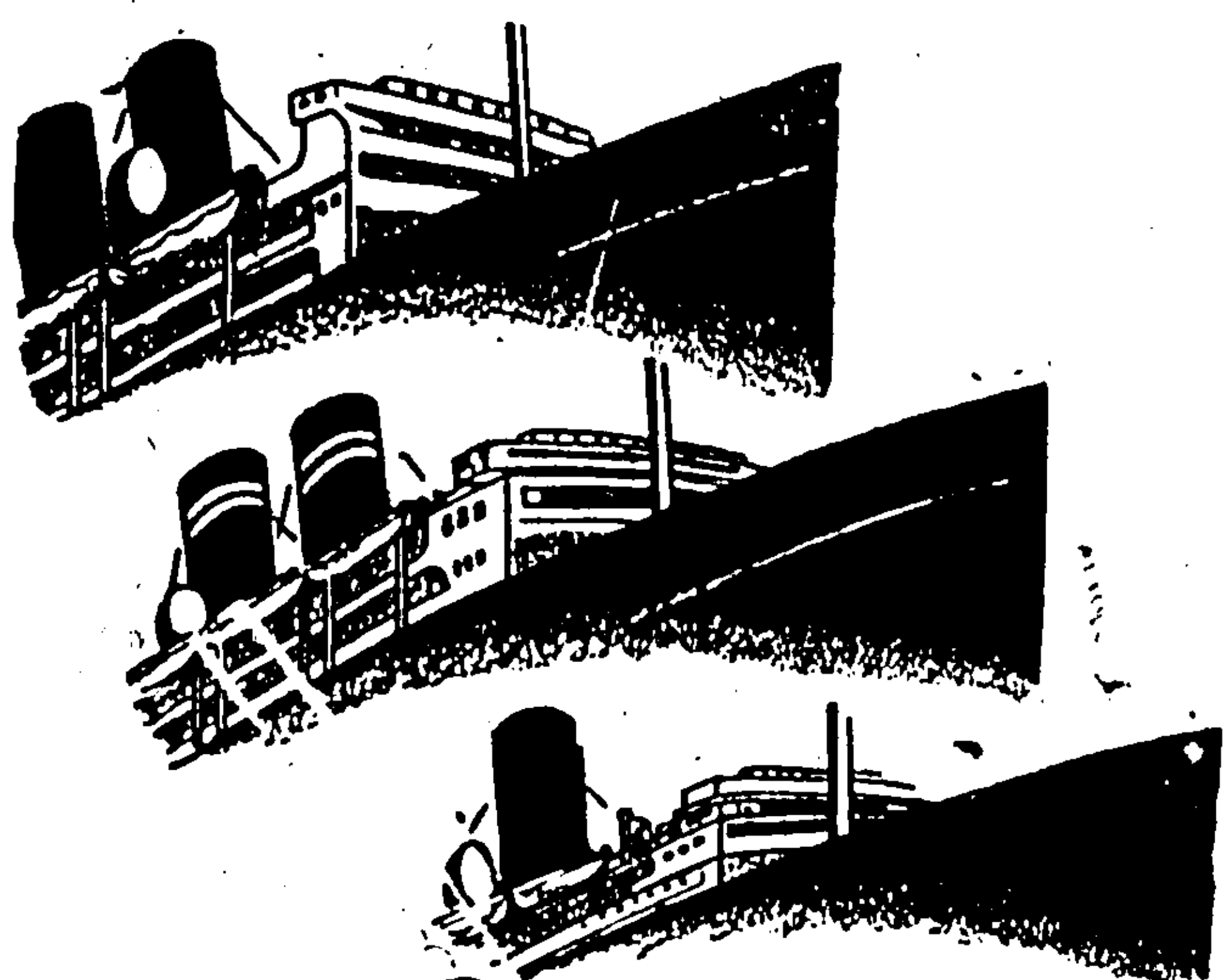
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San Francisco date, 31st December	December 19.
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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th December	
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Manila	Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.	
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Japan	Dec. 19, 7.00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 26th December.		K.P.O.
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	Reg., ... Dec. 19, 5.00 p.m.	
	Ord., ... Dec. 20, 7.30 a.m.	
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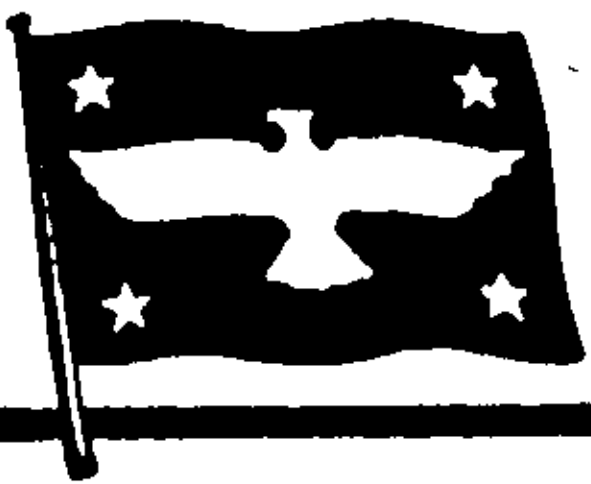
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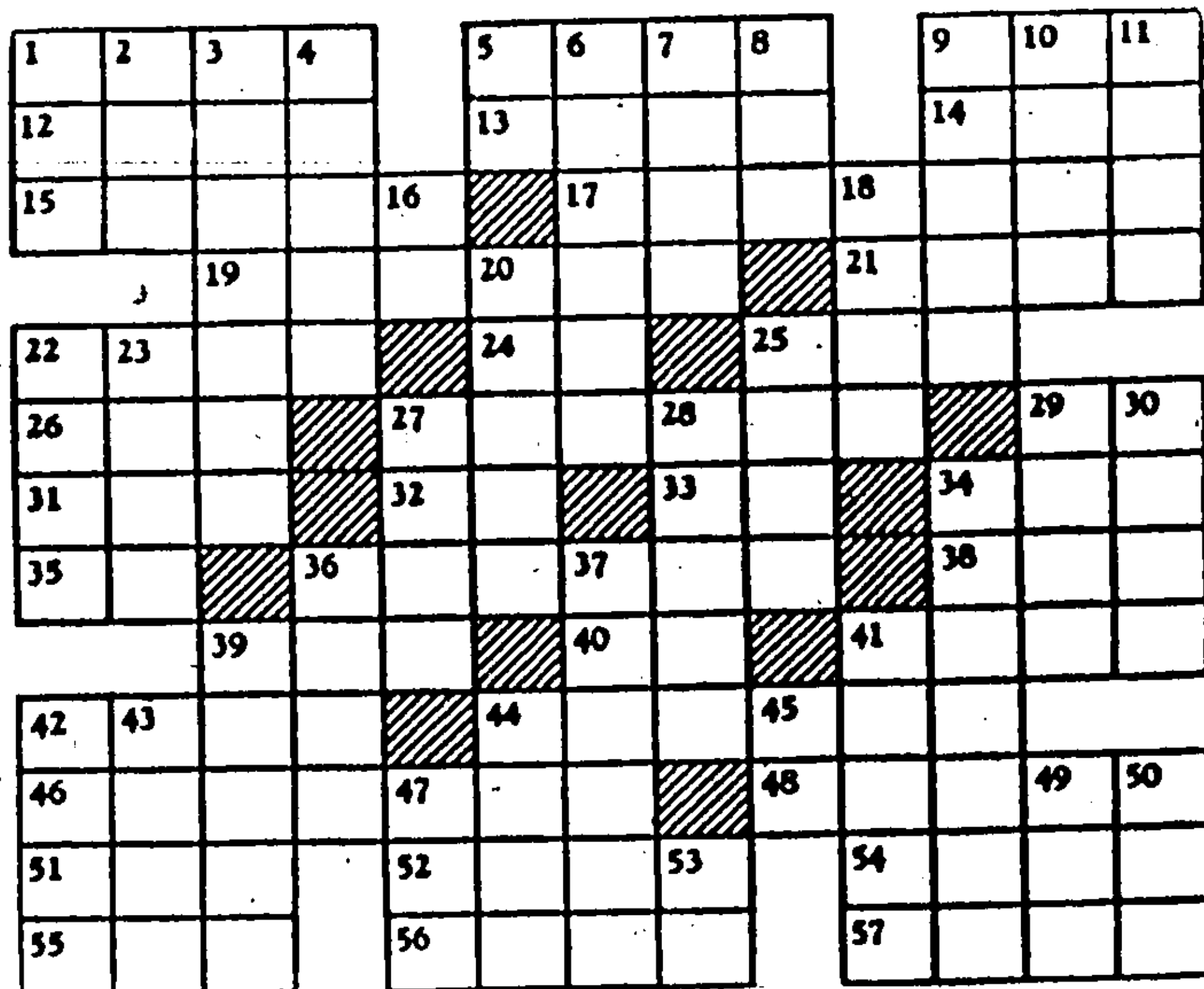
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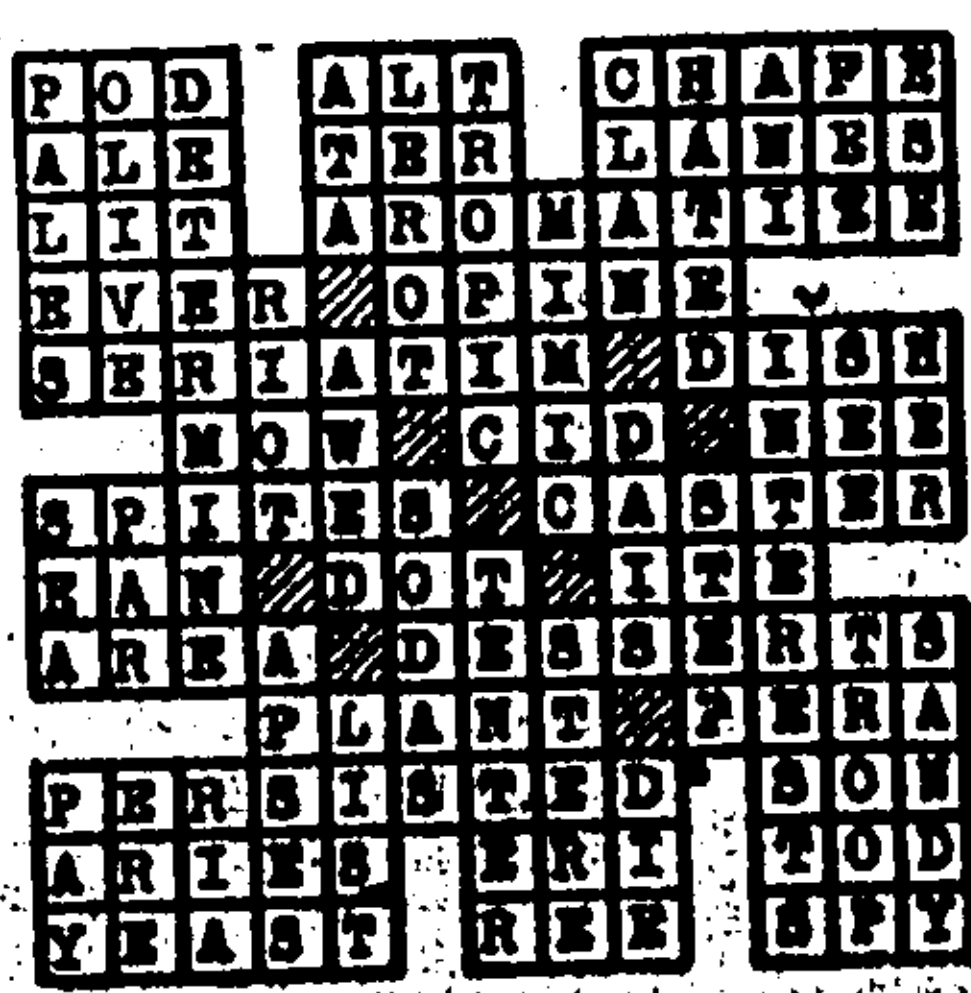
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- 21 Dill
- 22 Russian measure
- 24 Pronoun
- 25 Nooks
- 26 Self
- 27 Onset
- 29 Negative
- 31 Seabird
- 32 French: the
- 33 Norse deity
- 34 Large wave
- 35 Hebrew letter
- 36 Social classes
- 38 Warm
- 39 To preserve
- 40 Conjunction
- 41 French wines
- 42 Stable

- 44 Golf club
- 46 Non-professional
- 48 Kind of iris
- 51 Rodent
- 52 Region
- 54 Withered
- 55 Pronoun
- 56 Spreads
- 57 Paradise

- VERTICAL**
- 1 To loot
 - 2 Yellow bugle
 - 3 Garland
 - 4 To stop
 - 5 Since
 - 6 Upright
 - 7 Dry
 - 8 Flying mammal

- 9 Scrutinises
- 10 Part of head
- 11 To foment
- 16 Spanish: yes
- 18 Row
- 20 Musical instruments
- 22 To look slyly
- 23 Monster
- 25 Desserts
- 27 Wolf hound
- 29 To prevent
- 30 Gaseous element
- 34 Cooked eggs in cream
- 36 To lean
- 37 Travelled
- 39 Box
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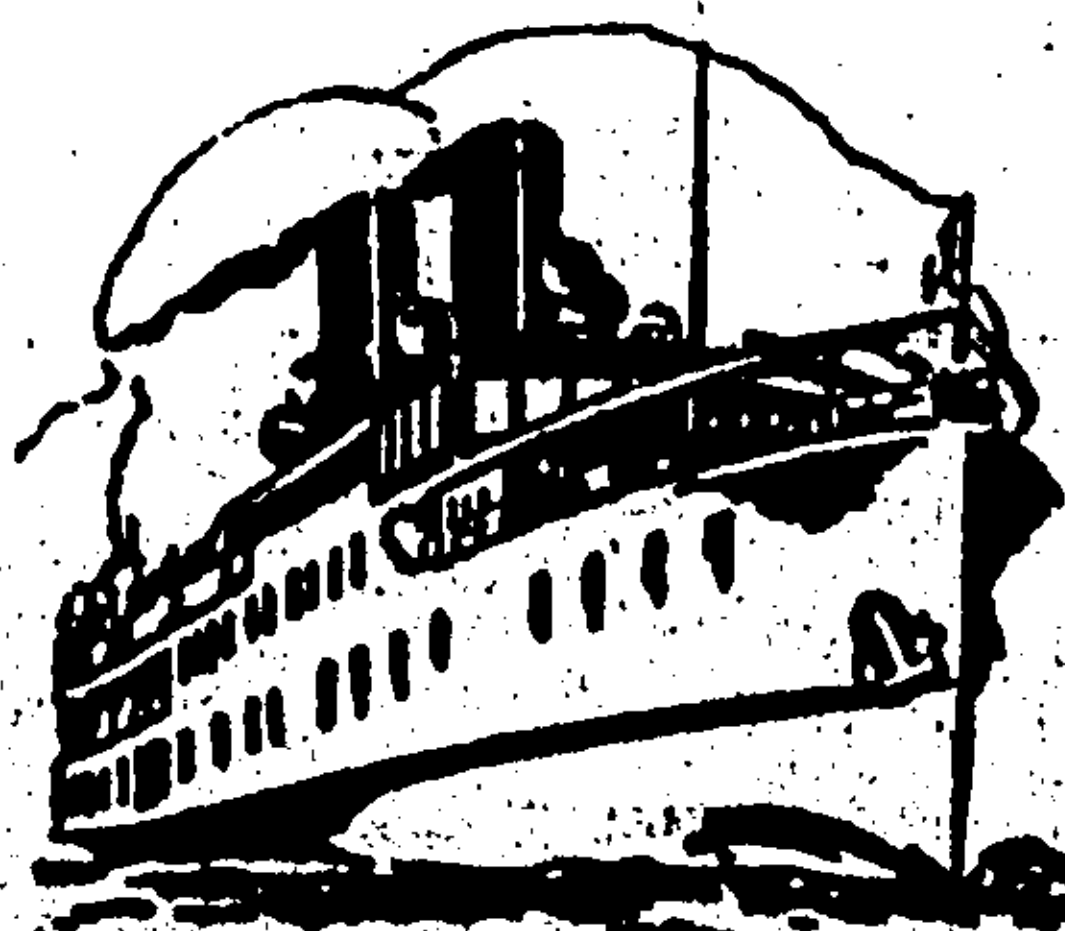
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EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

London, To-day.

In an announcement regarding the Dominion air training scheme signed in Ottawa the Air Ministry recalls that its object was the establishment of additional training schools in the Dominions possessing advantages of space and climate as well as virtual immunity from enemy interference.

This proposal for achieving overwhelming air superiority met with enthusiastic response and missions from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand proceeded to Canada, where agreement quickly reached.

The bulk of the aircraft will be provided by the United Kingdom, but each Dominion will contribute in an increasing extent from its own resources.

A supervisory board is being established in Canada which will administer the scheme and report thereto to its own governments and have charge of the thousands of young men from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom who will be training together.—British Wireless.

FRENCH CONCESSION SEARCH

HANKOW, TO-DAY.

AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES INFORMED THE FRENCH CONSULAR OFFICIALS THAT TERRORISTS HAD TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION HERE.

Later, under Japanese direction, four houses were searched by the French police, and 10 Chinese were detained.

A report that pistols and bombs were found is denied by the police.

The Concession has been closed for the day. French and Japanese guards are stopping all Chinese from going in or out pending the result of negotiations now being carried on.

Martial law has been imposed throughout the Chinese City, but the Japanese are not interfering with foreigners.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mr. W. O'Neill, manager of Reuters Limited, appeared this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy when Dr. Lo Chi-fai, of Nathan Road, was summoned, at Mr. O'Neill's instance, for driving without due care and caution.

Traffic Sergeant J. Scrim said that at 8.55 p.m. on November 29 Mr. O'Neill was driving along Nathan Road towards Star Ferry. At the junction of Nullah Road Mr. O'Neill saw Dr. Lo suddenly cut in front of him. He had to apply both brakes immediately to avoid a collision. Dr. Lo was alleged to have driven at between 15 and 16 m.p.h. when turning out from Nullah Road.

A fine of \$10 was imposed. Mr. E. Christensen, of Kimberly Villas, was cautioned for driving with one front light in Nathan Road at 6.45 p.m. on November 28.

JUNK OUTRAGE

Lam King, master of junk No. T2530H, has informed the Police that about 4 a.m. on September 29, while sailing near Lui Tin Island, a Japanese destroyer opened fire on his junk. Japanese sailors armed with rifles boarded, and removed a cargo valued at \$9,500 to the destroyer.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8. Silver was quoted at 23-7/16 for spot and 23-9/16 forward. The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.95.

RICE RIOTS IN JAPAN

Chungking, To-day.

Serious rice riots took place in Tokyo and other cities in Japan last Saturday and Sunday, according to a Shanghai message quoting well-informed foreign quarters.

Owing to the rigid censorship, details are unobtainable.

It is stated that the rice shortage problem in Japan is most serious this year.—Central News.

TRAWLERS SUNK

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announced last evening: "H.M. Trawlers Evelina and Sedgely are overdue and must be presumed to have been sunk.

The 25 names of the crews are published as missing, believed killed.—British Wireless.

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AMERICA MAY TAKE ACTION

New York, To-day.

President Roosevelt kept in close touch with the State Department from his Hyde Park home yesterday, getting all the latest news concerning the Nazi pocket-battleship Graf Spee and her scuttling.

It is pointed out here that the President is particularly concerned with possible dangers to North and South American property, interest and lives caused by belligerent operations in the Western Hemisphere and that the scuttling of the Graf Spee raises several important questions.

At their recent conference, for instance, the 21 American countries proclaimed a 300-mile "safety zone," with the intention of asking belligerents to keep their naval engagements out of this area.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN?

The question now arises: Is the Graf Spee incident a violation of the spirit of this?

After the proclamation of the "safety zone," Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of the Department of State, announced that the United States had no intention of sending its navy out to enforce the maintenance of the zone, but would like belligerent countries to recognise the existence of the area.

There is now speculation in White House quarters whether formal action seeking international observance of the area will be speeded up to prevent future incidents such as the Graf Spee scuttling.—Reuter.

NAZIS SINK BRITISH SHIP FROM AIR

LONDON, YESTERDAY.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE COASTAL RAIDS ON BRITAIN BY THE NAZI AIR FORCE ON SUNDAY, IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT THE M.V. SERENITY, OF 244 TONS, WAS SUNK DURING THE COURSE OF THESE ATTACKS.

The crew, who have been landed by lifeboat, said that the ship was attacked by two Nazi planes. One bomb made a direct hit on the Serenity, but fortunately no one was injured.

British fighters then arrived and drove the Nazis off, appearing to have destroyed one as they did so, according to the ship's crew.—Reuter.

NEW AIR SERVICE (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

Inaugurating direct air connexion between France and Portugal, a tri-motored plane belonging to Air France arrived here yesterday.

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62 JAP. BOMBERS RAID SZECHUEN

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY A MONTH THE AIR RAID ALARM SOUNDED HERE YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN 62 JAPANESE AIRCRAFT HEADED UP-RIVER FROM HANKOW, FLYING IN TWO GROUPS.

The Japanese bombers were preceded by a lone scouting plane which crossed the Szechuen border and cruised in the vicinity of Wanhshien before returning down river.

The first group of Japanese bombers passed Yuyang and bombed Laifeng, near the Hunan-Hunan border, according to Chinese reports.

A second group of 26 Japanese bombers entered Szechuen and bombed Liangshan, north-east of Chungking and west of Wanhshien.

It is learned that 36 Japanese bombers also attempted to come up-river but turned back at Shasi in view of the bad weather conditions.—Reuter.

DURHAMS LEAVE FOR HONG KONG

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

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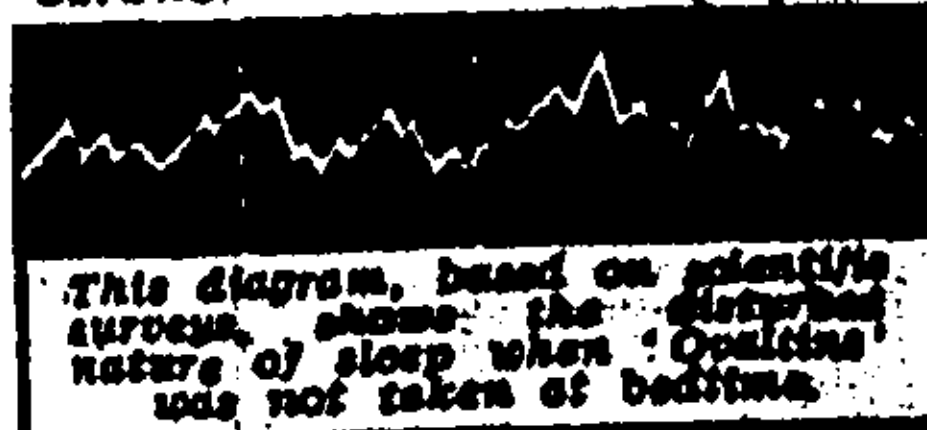
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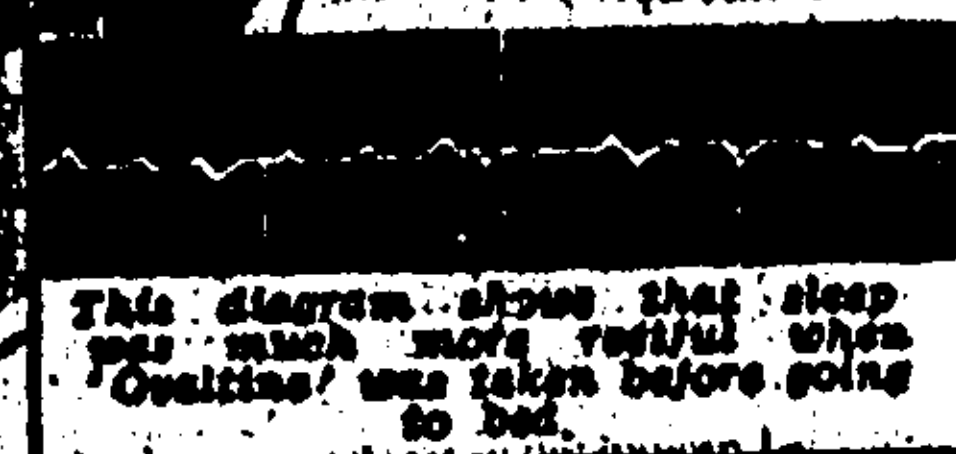
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9.02 p.m.—A SONG by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano). In Chambre ("Der Opernball"—Heuberger).
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on

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Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—B. B. C. RECORDING — "Postman's Knock".
10.40 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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The thinking player is one who, before making any bid, stops and reflects: "What risks am I taking if I make this bid, and what can I hope to accomplish?" In our opinion even a poor card player will make out reasonably well if he follows this formula, for far more points are thrown by thoughtless bids than by mistakes in the play. For instance:

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ 10 8
♥ Q 3
♦ QJ 10 6 5 4
♣ A 7 3

♠ QJ 9 8 2
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 8

♠ 7 6
♥ 8
♦ AK 9 3 2
♣ K J 10

♠ AK 6 4
♥ AK 10 8
♦ 8 7
♣ 9 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 10 Dbl.
1♠ 30 8♣ 8♥
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

North's bid of two diamonds, while rather unusual, was actually sound in view of his partner's take-out double (North could have made two diamonds). At this point East, being not vulnerable, decided rather foolishly to risk a bid of three clubs. But now came the really thoughtless bid—South's bid of three hearts.

South should have known: (1) Since his partner has passed originally, a game was very remote. (2) Since East was long in diamonds and clubs, West would be almost sure to hold length in hearts. (3) Since North could take some tricks in diamonds, the three-club contract would surely be defeated if

whatever clubs were in the West hand were quickly removed.

From this reasoning two inescapable facts emerge: The bid of three hearts could accomplish nothing and would almost surely be doubled; secondly, that South should have double three clubs and opened a trump.

If South had doubled three clubs and opened a trump, East would have been held to six tricks for a 500-point penalty. At three hearts doubled South by very careful play managed to escape with only a one-trick penalty. However, South's thoughtless bid was responsible for a total swing of 700 points.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner, you were vulnerable and held:

♠ AK 10 8
♥ AK 10 8
♦ 8 7
♣ 9 10

The bidding:
Burnstone Maier Schenken You
Pass Pass 10 Dbl.
1♠ 30 8♣ 8♥

ANSWER: Double. With the correct opening of a trump you should easily defeat the three-club contract, as explained in to-day's article.

QUESTION

Today you are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ K Q 9 4
♥ A 10 7
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 8 6 3

The bidding:
Schenken Burnstone You Jacoby
1♥ Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ONE-SIDED
BADMINTON
MATCHES

Three extremely one-sided badminton matches were played in the League last night, overwhelming victories being scored by University "A" and Chinese "Y" in Senior Division, and St. Teresa's in "B" Division.

In both the senior games, no games were lost by the winners although in the case of the University match the "A" team's first string did not play their final game.

At St. Teresa's the scores were somewhat closer and St. Andrew's, although eventually beaten—7-2, at one stage were as close as 2-3.

The home team's third string had an off day and never really settled down. John Chen and Francis Tsang and Joe Tsang and Peter Lo, however, although extended on one or two occasions, did not drop a game.

For the losers Gillies was in splendid form and would have done better if he had received more support.

UNIVERSITY "A" WINS EASILY

In the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night University "A" beat University "B" by 8 games to nil.

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong ("A") . . . 24-21
beat C. B. Cheah and K. B. Low . . . 24-19
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim ("A") . . . 19-24
lost to Chin and Pang . . . 21-3
beat K. S. Yeo and T. B. Teow . . . 21-10
beat Cheah and Low . . . 21-10
C. K. Lee and H. F. Chew ("A") . . . 21-16
beat Yeoh and Teow . . . 21-9
beat Cheah and Low . . . 21-6
beat Pang and Chin . . . 21-6

CHINESE "Y" TROUNCED RECREIO
At Bridges Street, Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Club de Recreio by 9 games to nil in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night.

C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) . . . 21-11
beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva . . . 21-12
beat M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios . . . 21-6
beat C. C. Pereira and R. Marques . . . 21-12
P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) . . . 21-6
beat Carvalho and Silva . . . 21-12
beat Oliveira and Remedios . . . 21-12
beat Pereira and Marques . . . 21-12
F. Koh and T. J. Ong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) . . . 21-18
beat Carvalho and Silva . . . 21-12
beat Oliveira and Remedios . . . 21-12
beat Pereira and Marques . . . 21-11

ST. ANDREW'S LOSE

In the "B" Division of the Badminton League, St. Teresa's Church beat St. Andrew's 7-2 yesterday.

J. Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's) . . . 21-9
beat A. E. P. Guest and W. Gillies . . . 21-19
beat E. F. Fincher and H. Kew . . . 21-12
beat A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss . . . 21-15
Joseph Tsang and Peter Lo (St. Teresa's) . . . 21-14
beat Guest and Gillies . . . 21-11
beat Fincher and Kew . . . 21-11
beat Brown and Bliss . . . 21-11
Austin Ho and Joseph Lum (St. Teresa's) . . . 21-19
beat Guest and Gillies . . . 6-21
lost to Fincher and Kew . . . 13-21
lost to Brown and Bliss . . . 13-21

MRS. LUCE'S SUCCESS

The following were the results of the Ladder Corinthian race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 9.05 miles:

Finished Pos.	Pts.
Redshank (Mrs. M. N. Luce)	16.59.21 1 9
True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)	17.00.21 2 7
Jean (Mrs. V. Gowlland)	17.00.46 3 5
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	17.02.53 4 3
Guri (Miss L. A. Helberg)	17.03.17 5 3



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SOFTBALL NOTES

DAY OF UPSETS IN GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Errors By Wahoos Cost Them Game With Panthers

CANADIANS' FINE LAST-INNING RALLY

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Biggest upsets of the season were registered in the Women's League on Sunday. Wahoos, who were at least 100 to 1 favourites to win, were surprisingly nosed out by Baby Panthers in a 6-5 count. Another upset was the Canadian Chinese 12-11 victory over the Champion Wildcats.

All games in the Ladies' section were closely contested and standard of play much higher than usual.

In the curtain-raiser at Prince Edward Road, Hong Kong Ball Girls were lucky to nose out Pirates 6-5. Maudie Read and her girls put up a good fight but better stick work by the Ball Girls snatched the game from the Bucs.

In the second game Wahoos lost to Panthers 6-5. Therese Noronha, the Wahoo ace hurler, and Irene Tavares, the diminutive Panther chucker, staged a pitching duel, but six errors by the green-shirted Owls gave the game away. Therese allowed the Panthers eight hits and walked one while Irene Tavares conceded six blows and two free passes to first. Wahoos mis-cued six to the Panthers three.

WINGLEE DEFLATED

Coch Hui "Babyface" Winglee was a most down-hearted person on Sunday, while Calsario "Donald Duck" Xavier was most chirpy at seeing his Baby Panthers upset the Wahoo apple cart.

Lena Luongo's three-ply hit was the longest of the fracas, while Terry Marques and Celeste Marques were the big guns of the game with three safeties each in three times to bat.

Therese Noronha clouted two for the losers.

SMITHS "FEAT"

Coch Bill "Scoop" Smith must have had a few rabbits' feet in his pocket on Sunday to have his lowly Cubs take Cardinals 14-12. The Mollhenmaids outhit Cubs 14-11 and outplayed Smith's girls who erred 10 to the Redbirds nine but they still lost the game by two runs.

What luck for Cubs or was it good coaching by "Scoop"? Doc was tearing his hair out watching his redbirds make errors at the most critical moments. The score was knotted 12-12 in the sixth.

In this frame Cubs scored the two winning runs on a muff by Naty Falladone at centre and another muff by Marina Lavadia at leftfield. The Cards, who batted last, were blanked in the last stanza to give Cubs a two-run lead to win the game.

Marina homered for Cardinals and rapped two singles out of five. For the winners Katy Bush took batting honours with a double and a single.

R. H. E.
Cubs ... 1 0 4 1 1 5 2 14 11 10
Cards ... 2 1 1 0 3 5 0 12 14 9

In the nightcap Canadian Chinese surprisingly man-handled the Wildcats 12-11.

REMARKABLE RALLY

Wildcats were leading 11-6 in the last inning but the "Canucks" in their last time at bat, staged a six-run rally to bewilder Wildcats and to belt the game.

The "Maple Leafs" bunched three hits in the last stanza and aided by three Wildcat errors were able to cross the plate six times.

Although Lily Mar struck out seven she was gay at the mound and walked six. Mary Louie fanned five and walked one.

Three errors were knocked. One each by Lily Mar, Mary Louie and

CHUNG HWA IN FORM

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the Men's Softball League on Sunday, the Chung Hwa-Recreio "B" tussle was the only worthwhile game of the day. Chung Hwa played a flawless game on the field with nary an error to beat Recreio "B" 5-1. Recreio B's booted four.

Tuffy Chinn was again in great form on the slab, allowing only four hits and whiffing five, while Jackie Noronha was nicked for seven hits. Earl Wong's three-bagger was the longest hit of the tilt.

A double play was pulled by Recreio, Zinho Gossato to M. Alvares to nail Nip Lum and Babe Chinn.

Hong Kong Baseball Club continued in winning vein, taking C.B.A. to town 10-5. They are now fourth from the top of the League ladder. Doc Molthen pitched a steady game for the victors to strike out one and walk one, while George Fowler struck out one and walked five.

TERRIBLE BALL

C.B.A. played terrible ball, erring ten times, five by G. Ainslie. Hong Kong Baseball Club mis-cued four times but they were not so costly.

R. H. E.
H.K. Baseball
Club ... 3 2 0 0 4 1 x 10 4 4
C.B.A. ... 0 0 0 2 2 1 0 5 4 10

Canadian Chinese had another easy win when they downed Trojans 12-2.

Herbie Quon whiffed eight and walked only one, being touched for three hits. The "Canucks" sluggers found G. Almeida's offering to their liking and connected for 14 solid blows. Canadian Chinese only made one error, by Bill Wood, to the Trojans' seven. Denham Cray belted a homer and Nazarin rapped a triple for the longest hits of the game.

R. H. E.
Canadian
Chinese 7 0 0 0 0 1 4 12 14 1
Trojans 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 3 7

Recreio "A" just played about to take the long end of a 17-6 score from Victoria Recreation Club! The game was too one-sided to be of any interest. Recreio made 21 hits off Kelly Silva-Netto. Johnny Alvares let the V.R.C. boys hit and was touched for 10 safeties. Both teams made three errors each, but Recreio's "big berths" with the bat were too powerful for the swimmers.

R. H. E.
Recreio "A" 5 1 3 0 0 0 8 17 31 3
V.R.C. ... 0 0 2 0 4 0 0 6 10 3

Khoo ...

R. H. E.
Canadian
Chinese 2 3 0 0 1 0 6 12 7 5
Wildcats 2 0 2 0 0 2 4 11 11 5

SOFTBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN'S LEAGUE			
Chung Hwa	5	Recreio "B"	1
H.K. Baseball Club	10	C.B.A.	5
Canadian Chinese	12	Trojans	2
Recreio "A"	17	V.R.C.	3
WOMEN'S LEAGUE			
H.K. Ball Girls	6	Pirates	5
Panthers	6	Wahoos	5
Cups	14	Cardinals	12
Canadian Chinese	12	Wildcats	11
INTER-HONG			
Shell	23	Hong Kong Bank	14
R.A.F.	14	Texaco	9

RUGBY WIN FOR KAI TAK

Kai Tak beat H. D. Bidwell's XV by a penalty goal and a try (6 points) to a try (3 points) in a scrappy Rugby encounter at the Valley yesterday.

Beddell scored a try and Henderson, at fly-half, kicked a penalty goal for Kai Tak, for whom Lewis, Beddell, Henderson and Hynes were outstanding. The losers secured their try through D. H. Taylor, who tackled well and ran determinedly. Bidwell did some good work at scrum-half and Charter, Godfrey and Castleton were others to catch the eye.

RICHARDS PLAYING FOR ARMY

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

On Saturday the Triangular Rugby Tournament, 1939-1940, will be more or less decided when Club meet Army in their second round encounter on the Club ground at 4 p.m.

As both teams are likely to beat the greatly handicapped Navy team, a win for Club will give them the trophy, but if Army win a tie will result for the honours.

Army are fortunate to have Richards, their star wing threequarter, fit again, and he has come into their side for Saturday in place of Arting-stall, but Riddale, who has had an attack of malaria, is still an absentee, and Douglas, their brilliant fly-half, is not yet in training after his injury.

Sutherland, who hooked very successfully last Saturday against Navy, has been passed over in favour of Beddow, a newcomer, and will take Evans' place in the front row for the latter to join Berry in the second row. The introduction of Beddow caused the omission of Page, a hard-working player in the loose.

Following will represent Army:

L/Cpl. Pickett R.E.; Lieut. Skipwith 5th H.R.A.; L/Cpl. White R.E.; Sergt. Lang R.A.O.C. and L/Bdr. Richards 5th H.R.A.; Lieut. Hook 5th H.R.A. and Lieut. May D.L.I.; Lieut. Hewitt Mdx. R.; L/Cpl. Beddow D.L.I.; Corpl. Sutherland R.S.; Pte. Berry Mdx. R.; L/Bdr. Evans 5th A.A.R.A.; Capt. Duke R.S.; Lieut. Cuthbertson R.S.

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THE China and Ireland match played on Sunday at Caroline Hill served in many respects as an unofficial Army trial.

The Irish team was composed for the most part of Third Division Army players and although they looked, on paper, likely to get a really good beating they put up a grand show and quite shook the Chinese, who obviously thought they were in for a 'cushy' time.

First and foremost the displays of Sheehan and Hills at back must be remarked upon. Owing to the non-appearance of Lawton, Hills was brought back from half back to partner Sheehan.

As these two are playing together in the Army trial on Wednesday I was more than casually interested in their teamwork. To say that the Army have found a ready-made pair of backs is something of an understatement. Of course Sheehan was an automatic choice, but the advent of Hills has given the Army a defensive duo that will be extremely hard to pass.

Both are very fast and quick on the recovery after being beaten in a tackle, which is not often, and the safe kicking of either is matched by that of the other.

Hills has the weight, height and staying power required for the position and I have never seen the formidable Lee Wai-tong get so little to say in a game as he did on Sunday. No sooner did the ball come to him than it was whisked away by either Sheehan or Hills, with one exception, and that was Lee's last-minute goal.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

MOORE the Ireland goalkeeper was safe enough—but did not exactly inspire confidence, appearing to be a little out of practice and somewhat over-awed by the occasion.

Brakenberry, a last-minute inclusion in the side, was obviously out of position at outside right and would have played much better in his normal position in the half back line. Nevertheless he contrived to send over one or two quite respectable centres, and would have been a lot more effective had he been able to cram an extra yard on his speed.

His footwork and passing was all right but slowness spoiled quite a few moves. Smart at right half was obviously out of his class and the antics of the Chinese left wing had him running all over the place. He was far too apt to rely on the sliding tackle at the wrong time and this policy did not pay against the nippy Chinese forwards. Had he stuck to his wing man more instead of hanging between the inside and outside man he would have been far more effective.

MARTIN, nominally the inside left, was here, there and everywhere. In the first half he was easily the best forward in the Irish side, but he was forced to do too much of the half

backs' work, through his other inside forward playing too far up, and the result was that Martin was rarely in position when an attack started, and it was some precious moments before he could get up to give any aid to an attack that looked like developing.

All told these junior players gave the Chinese a lot to think about and the fact that until fifteen minutes from the end the score was two goals all; says a lot for their wholehearted efforts and should encourage them in their own sides; a man who knows that he can do well in a higher sphere will do all he can to get his team in that sphere.

WITH Middlesex having a week off, First Division games did not have a lot of interest for Army spectators on Saturday. However, the Scots were out on the Club ground and provided the Club with their first points of the season. What is wrong with the Royals side is hard to say; they have the individuals, but no combination. I think the whole thing can be summed up by the fact that they play "Scottish" football and it does not pay against the particular branch of football served up here.

SUCCESSFUL ARMY BOXING

There was some entertaining boxing at Nanking Barracks, Shamshulpo, last night on the occasion of the Novices' Inter-Company Tournament.

Although in many cases there was no great display of the finer points of boxing, there was considerable enthusiasm. In all there were 22 bouts. The tournament will continue at 7.30 p.m. to-day.

"B" Coy. is leading with 30 points, followed by Headquarters Wing with 28, "A" Coy. with 27, "C" Coy. with 24 and "D" Coy. with 23.

Middleweight (1st string).—Pte. Bedding ("D" Coy.) beat L/Cpl. Jenkins ("A" Coy.). Middleweight (2nd string).—L/Cpl. Goodman (B) beat Pte. Roberts 29 (C).

Middleweight (3rd string).—Pte. Williams (HQ) k.o. Pte. Melbourne (A); Pte. Fredman (B) beat Pte. Roarty (D).

Welterweight (1st string).—Pte. Thomson 29 (HQ) t.k.o. Pte. Devine (B); Pte. Robinson 50 (D) beat Pte. Byford (A).

Welterweight (2nd string).—Pte. Hurlock (A) beat Pte. Hogan (C); Pte. Martin (D) lost to Pte. Baker 38 (B).

Welterweight (3rd string).—Pte. Mansfield (D) lost to L/Cpl. Colebeck (C); A/Bds. Nix (HQ) beat Pte. Lanigan (B).

Welterweight (4th string).—Pte. Pinnock (D) lost to Pte. Cohen (A); Pte. Ryan (C) lost to L/Cpl. Weaver (B).

Lightweight (1st string).—L/Cpl. Williams (HQ) t.k.o. Pte. Hill 26 (B); Pte. Whitehouse (A) beat A/Cpl. Rich (C).

Lightweight (2nd string).—A/Cpl. Miller (HQ) beat Pte. Critcher (D); Pte. Shaw (B) lost to Pte. Samuels (A).

Lightweight (3rd string).—Pte. Field (C) lost to Pte. Day (A); Dmr. Grossmith (HQ) beat Pte. Nesbitt (B).

Featherweight (1st string).—Pte. Commerford (D) t.k.o. Pte. Luty (B); Pte. Macey (C) beat Pte. Bush (A).

Featherweight (2nd string).—Pte. Bradford (HQ) k.o. Pte. Pacey (A); L/Cpl. Barrett (B) k.o. Pte. Rowland 81 (C).

RICHARDS PLAYING FOR ARMY

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and Lieut. Pinkerton R.S.

Reserves:—Saprr. Arlingstall R.E., L/Cpl. Boc. R.S., Sergt. Page 5th. A.A.R.A. and L/Bdr. Whitehead 5th. A.A.R.A.

Club's Best Team

Club's team is just to hand and is as follows: Henderson; Stewart, Hutchison, Bidwell and Bosanquet; Charter and Thomson; Walkden, Castleton, Heasman; Bompas, Needham; Deane, Taylor and Godfrey.

Reserves:—Thompson (full-back), Carruthers (three-quarter), Wanklyn, Kennedy and Richardson (forwards).

All the above are requested to turn out for practice at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow on the Club ground.

Club are again playing Henderson at full-back in order to give Jimmie Thomson a place at scrum-half, as they did in their first match against Army, and the move should further strengthen the side. With Alec Taylor back in the side Walkden, the captain, has gone back to the front row to the exclusion of Wanklyn, while Deane has deservedly secured a place as wing-forward, replacing Kennedy, the Shanghai Interport captain. Heasman, promoted for the game against Navy, has retained his place in the front row.

All in all, Club are probably fielding their strongest possible fifteen, and they must start the match firm favourites.

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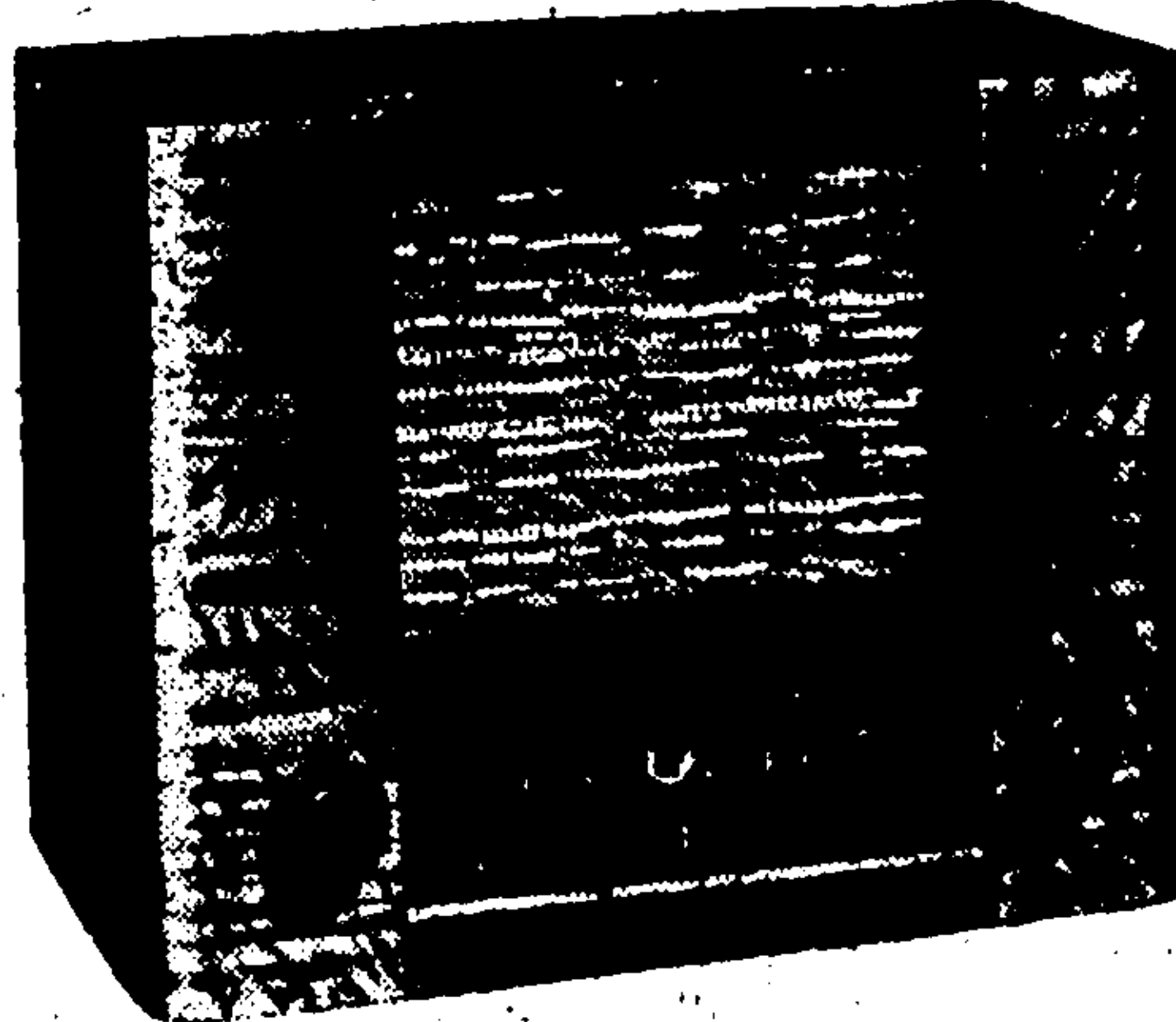
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R.A.F. MASS RAID ON HELIGOLAND: BIG AIR BATTLE

London, To-day.
YESTERDAY'S AERIAL clash between R.A.F. bombers and German fighters in the Heligoland Bight area is described by observers as the biggest battle of the war so far and comparable to the major air battles of the Great War.

It is stated that nearly 100 planes took part in the battle, which raged for two hours over a wide area. About 40 of the planes were British bombers.

The Germans are putting out fantastic claims but the Air Ministry confirms its earlier report that seven R.A.F. planes were lost and 12 Messerschmitts downed.

The British bombers which took part in the raid are described as an ultra modern type, and engaged in fierce duels against repeated attacks by the Nazi fighters.

The wreckage of many planes and the bodies of dead aviators have been washed ashore on the German coast, while two of the crew of a British bomber have been picked-up by a German boat.

BOMBS DROPPED

It is emphasised here that the British bombers' mission was completely successful.

Not only were many photographs taken but bombs were dropped at Wilhelmshaven, though the result is not known.—Reuter.

KING LEOPOLD INSPECTS DEFENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Arriving unexpectedly, King Leopold yesterday inspected the coastal defence and the Ostend Garrison, which filed past their sovereign in an improvised parade.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

A strong anticyclone covers China, Korea and the neighbouring seas. The depression is situated about 60 miles to the north-east of Manila and is probably recurving north-eastward.

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The enemy withdrew their naval forces and left their fighter aircraft to dispute the British passage.

In the course of severe fighting the skill and determination of the British captains and crews and the effectiveness of the armament of the British aircraft were clearly demonstrated by the heavy casualties suffered by the enemy.

The German account of the engagement is regarded as an abortive attempt to minimise the severe loss of prestige they have suffered on sea and in the air in the last few days.

German stories of the air battle off Sylt and the attacks on places on the German coast are unfounded.—Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wah, To-day.

Some 2,000 Japanese troops moved out from Nanning yesterday morning and have proceeded westwards with, apparently, the object of attacking Lungchow, near the French Indo-China border. They were also reported to be moving heavy artillery pieces from Nanning. No reports of any major fighting west of Nanning have yet reached this city, but it is believed that the Chinese will make a stand at Yungkang, which the Japanese will have to take before attempting to strike south-westwards to Lungchow.—Our Own Correspondent.

New York, To-day.

It is understood that 44 out of an order for 54 war planes originally placed by the United States Navy with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation will be sent to Finland. The Navy's order will be filled later.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Canadian Expeditionary Force was given a most enthusiastic welcome when it streamed ashore in thousands at a port in Britain on Sunday from great liners guarded by a formidable squadron of the Navy, while aeroplanes patrolled overhead, guarding against a surprise raid.

The troops represented every part of Canada, including some Americans, Red Indians and coloured men. Many served in the last war, but the majority were youngsters.

The troops, drawn up on the pier, heard the G.O.C. read a message of welcome from the King, who said:—

"The British Army is proud to have as comrades in arms the successors to those who came from Canada in the Great War and fought with a heroism that will never be forgotten."

The troops doffed caps and cheered.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, then welcomed the Canadians. He said that the British people will never forget this great act of co-operation.

"The task before us may be long—it will certainly be tough, but in the assurance of the peoples of the British Commonwealth is the certainty of final victory."

The Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Force, Major-General A. G. McNaughton, replied, expressing their gratitude to the King and Mr. Eden, and also to the Navy for their splendid safeguarding of the troops across the Atlantic.

The troops then entrained for a camp in a distant part of Britain.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

An official communique states that altogether 212 Soviet tanks have been destroyed.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

A Soviet communique claims that Red Army troops have occupied the town of Titkajaervi.—Reuter.

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